

The Fleet Express

Safe, Efficient and Reliable
Transportation For State Employees

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New OFMS Website

The Office of Fleet Management Services is excited to announce a new look, feel and navigation to the OFMS website, dgs.virginia.gov/fleet. The DGS website has been refreshed to make finding pertinent information quicker.

While the majority of the site functions similar to the previous version, there are a few functions that are worth highlighting. First, the VMCC customer survey allows drivers to provide feedback about their experience with Fleet. We want to hear the good and the bad about the day-to-day interactions with the call center, network vendors and the OFMS staff.

Also new to the OFMS website is the Forms and Documents Center. This center is the central repository for all OFMS forms and documents. The latest versions of all documents will be found at this location.

The Request Service tool has been improved to give drivers the convenience to schedule a vehicle service, recall or basic repair electronically.

Best of all, the new site is now mobile friendly so drivers can utilize the full functionality of the OFMS website on the go. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the new site. If there is additional functionality you wish to see on the website, please let the OFMS staff know.

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FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BY THE NUMBERS

- Over 3,800 vehicles in leased fleet with over 39 million miles driven at a cost of 13 cents per mile
- Over 5,200 vehicles managed through the VMCC
- Over 114,000 calls handled by VMCC, resulting in more than \$481,000 maintenance savings
- Over 13,000 rentals, saving over \$504,000 versus mileage reimbursement
- Over 13 million gallons of bulk fuel delivered
- Over 44,000 gallons of gasoline offset by alternative fuels

The Office of Fleet Management Services (OFMS) provides safe, efficient and reliable passenger vehicle transportation that enables employees of the Commonwealth to do their jobs more efficiently and effectively. OFMS oversees the maintenance, repair and replacement of the statewide fleet of approximately 4,000 vehicles, manages the fuel contracts, short-term rental contracts and alternative fuel contracts that are used by state government and local governments throughout the Commonwealth.

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2017 Procurement Forum

Look for OFMS at this year's procurement forum in Virginia Beach. OFMS will have an educational session and a booth in the Vendor Expo. Forum 2017 is November 13-15 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. More information and registration can be found at www.forum.dgs.virginia.gov.

E85 Availability

Over the past few months, there have been a number of fueling stations in Virginia that accept the Voyager card that have begun to offer E85. Keep an eye out for these stations:

Station Name	Street Address	City	State	ZIP
Airport BP	12257 Jefferson Ave	Newport News	VA	23602
East Coast	6460 Boydton Plank	Petersburg	VA	23803
MAPCO #4065	13200 Kingston Ave	Chester	VA	23836
Mapco Express	10007 James Madison	Warrenton	VA	20187
Potomac Mills Mobil	14496 Gideon Dr	Woodbridge	VA	22193
Sheetz Store #207	1683 Berryville Pike	Winchester	VA	22602
Sheetz Store #403	3927 Wards Rd	Lynchburg	VA	24502
Sheetz Store #407	1340 N 4th St	Wytheville	VA	24382
Sheetz Store #408	2156 W Main St	Waynesboro	VA	22980
Sheetz Store #415	600 E Nelson St	Lexington	VA	24450
Sheetz Store #491	135 Market St	Zion Crossroads	VA	22942
Sheetz Store #532	2707 Lafayette Blvd	Fredericksburg	VA	22408
Sheetz Store #565	4201 Anderson Hwy	Powhatan	VA	23139
Sheetz Store #579	11774 Sudley Manor	Manassas	VA	20109
Sheetz Store #701	227 Conicville Rd	Mt Jackson	VA	22842
Stop In Food Stores	1220 Seminole Trail	Charlottesville	VA	22901

Most of OFMS fleet vehicles are Flex-Fuel and accept E85. These vehicles can be identified by a Flex-Fuel badge on the rear of the vehicle, a yellow gas cap or yellow ring around the gas filler neck. Vehicles that are E85 capable can run on either gas, E85 or any combination of the two with no interaction from the driver. Just fill and go.



or



Beware the Glare

Fall is here and the leaves already are beginning to turn. With the beautiful foliage display comes a cosmic hazard, a low-setting sun on the horizon. Here are a few tips to help cope with the sun glare.

1. **Increase following distance:** If you are having trouble seeing, so is the car in front of you. Give a little extra

room to slow down in case of sudden stops.

2. **Clean your windshield:** Removing streaks and dirt from your windshield will help reduce glare.

3. **Wear sunglasses:** Make sure that you have a good pair of sunglasses available to alleviate the brightness of the sun.



From the Director: What's Next?

If there is one question that I get asked most often, it is “what’s next?” There is an incredible buzz in the automotive industry with autonomous cars, connected technology and electric vehicles. Even more impressive than the technology is the speed of development. Changes that would normally take decades are happening in years. So, what is next? Autonomous cars? Yes. Cars that can talk to each other and the infrastructure around them? Yes. Electric vehicles? Yes.

As exciting as these developments are, I don’t see them as being THE next BIG thing. Impressive in their own right, these developments are going to push a major shift in how we view vehicles and ownership.

Right now, we see personal transportation through the lens of vehicle ownership. Public transportation plays a role and vehicle rentals as well, but in the majority of our country if you need to get around, you buy a car. In the Fleet world, we are equally centered around asset management. The core of fleet management is to buy, fuel, maintain and sell vehicles.

While the future will still have its fair share of vehicle ownership: the big shift will be a change in focus. We will be focusing less on the “what” (managing assets) and more on the “why” (moving people and things). When you look at the “why,” the convergence of many recent technologies begins to come into focus. For example, an autonomous electric car can be deployed on a ride hailing company network (Uber, Lyft, etc) operating all day long without taking breaks. The vehicle may be owned by the vehicle manufacturer or by an individual whom the car just dropped off at work.

A similar scenario may play out in fleets. Agencies may not be assigned vehicles, but an employee will hail one when they need to go somewhere. They will travel in a car that may or may not even be owned by the state.

Tons of new technology is coming, and it is all very exciting but also daunting. The BIG “what’s next” is going to be a change in how we view transportation. Looking at the ripple effects on industries like trucking, taxi, dealerships, marketing, and fueling it is easier to see how significant that change will be.

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